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[Dept. of Coins, "The Hermitage,"

Leningrad, Russia], 1925-1931

Dear Sir!

On the advice of Prof. Prídík I take liberty to address You the following demand.

By charge of the Archaeological Academy I am preparing a corpus of the coins of Tyra in Sarmatia. The materials of late Mr. A. Markov, which are at my disposal, lack any indications of coins of that city belonging to American collections. But I can hardly believe, that these coins are quite absent in America.

You would very much oblige me, if You should find it possible to communicate me, which of the public or private collections in America might possess a considerable number of coins of the Black-sea region and among them those of Tyra, and to whom I must address myself to receive impressions in sealing-wax or casts with indica-

tions of weight and axis.

Please accept my excuses for my many requests and believe me very truly Yours

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September 30th, 1925

M. A. Zograph
Asst. Keeper, Dept. Ancient Coins
The Hermitage, Leningrad, Russia

Dear Sir:

I am sending you, herewith, the cast of
the coin concerning which Mr. Newell tells me he has
written you independently.

We have received the two pamphlets which
you sent us. Thank you very much. We have the other
publications, of which you write.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Secretary

27. 8. 1925.

Dear Sir!

Many thanks for sending the cast of the Lysimachean stater, struck at Tyra, and for Your kind letter. The cast has arrived some days ago safely. The coin is very interesting — it is a second specimen of the variety in the British Museum (*Num. Chr.* III, 1923, p. 218, № 11), apparently from the same dies.

Please give my best thanks to Mr. Newell for his kindness.

I hope You have already received a separate copy of my article about the Tooapse hoard (from the *Num. Chron.*), which I have sent on the adress of Mr. Newell with the request to pass it to Your hands.

Allow me to add the following demand. Half a year ago I have sent to Mrs Baldwin-Brebt a letter and a separate copy of my russian

paper about the "Statues of the Virgin upon
coins of Chersonesus Taurica", which could
interest her. Till now I have not received any
answer from her. Would You not be so kind
to ask Mrs. Baldwin Brett, whether the sending
has safely reached her. Both the letter and the
copy were addressed to the Numismatic Society.

Thanking You in anticipation for all the
trouble, I have caused You, with the best
compliments believe me, Dear Sir,
Yours very truly
A. Zograph

December 11th, 1925

M. Alexander Zograph
Asst. Dept. Ancient Coins
The Hermitage
Leningrad, Russia

Dear M. Zograph:

Responding to your letter of October 20th, I have recently talked with Mrs. Brett regarding a portion of your letter which mentions that you had received no answer to your communication to her.

Mrs. Brett tells me that she was under the impression that copies of her publication had been sent to you, until your letter to me informed us that such was not the case. We are now sending you three of these under separate cover, with Mrs. Brett's compliments, and I trust that they will reach you within a reasonable time.

We much appreciate the tone of your review in the Zeitschrift für Numismatik of the monographs recently published by us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

April 20th, 1926

M. Alexander Zograph
Asst. Dept. Ancient Coins
The Hermitage
Leningrad, Russia

Dear M. Zograph:

Thank you for the reprints of your article on Tyra. I have already transmitted one copy to Mr. Newell, and I shall be glad to hand the other to Mrs. Brett. We much appreciate your having sent them.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of my recently issued monograph on the Mende hoard, which I trust will be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

21. V. 1926.

Dear Sir!

Allow me to express You my best thanks for the sending of Your excellent monograph about the Kaliaandra-hoard. I take liberty to send You a copy of my article about the cyzicene staters of the former Stroganoff collection (now in the Ermitage), recently published in the III^d vol. of the "Ermitage-miscellaneous papers".

I enjoy the occasion to adress You the following demand. I have written a week ago to Mr. Newell with the request to send me casts or sealing-wax impressions of staters and tetradrachms of Lysimachean type, bearing the letters BY on the reverse, from his collection. I have sent him also the photograph of a group of posthumous Lysimachean staters, which interest me also very much. These materials I need for a thorough study of groups of Lysimachean staters.

especially frequently occurring in finds on the Cimmerian Bosphorus. Such a study is quite indispensable for the investigation of Bosporan numismatics of the Hellenistic age. Would You be so kind to communicate me, in which other public or private collections of America I could find coins of these groups and to whom I must address me for obtaining casts and indications of weights etc. I confine me to these two groups fearing, that a request of casts of all gold and silver Lysimachean coins would be hardly executable in view of the plenty of material.

Thanking You in anticipation for the many troubles, I have caused You by my questions,

I remain, Dear Sir,
with the best compliments
Yours very faithfully

V. Zograph

June 15th, 1926

W. Alexander Zograph
Asst. Dept. of Ancient Coins,
The Hermitage, Leningrad

Dear W. Zograph:

Your letter of May 21st is at hand, and I am very glad to have you refer your request to me.

There are very few private collections in America which are likely to have either gold staters or tetradrachms of Lysimachus struck at Byzantium. Mr. Newell will send you his. I note that there is one in the Boston Museum, Regling-Warren Cat., No. 530. There is no example in the Ward Collection (Metropolitan Museum of Art); nor do I know of any single private collection to have any. I will endeavour, however, to make some enquiries, and should I learn of additional specimens, will inform you.

For your information, I am appending a brief list of pieces which have appeared in auction sales - doubtless most of these will be known to you:

Egger XXXIX (1912), 209	Hirsch XXXIII (1913), 589
" XLVI (1914), 395	" XXXII (1912), 422
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" " " , 408	
" " " , 413	

Very truly yours,

Secretary

September 16, 1931.

Mr. A. Zograph
Department of Coins
"The Hermitage"
Leningrad, Russia.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover, I am sending a cast of a bronze coin concerning which I should be very glad to have an opinion. This piece is in the collection of the American Numismatic Society, having been received along with a miscellaneous lot of other coins, which gave no suggestion for the provenance of this piece. I am also sending a photograph of several coins which formed part of a hoard unearthed in the excavations at Corinth. You will perceive that the cast and the illustrations have much in common, that they probably own the same issuing authority. Along with the coins in the hoard, there were several Byzantine pieces of the century.

Among the types figuring are an elephant, a lion and a winged horse. Apparently a rider with a halo appears on one or more of these animals. Of the inscriptions in the cartouche on the reverse only the word 'sultan' is legible on the coin in our possession.

If any pieces similar to these have come under your observation or if you have any suggestion as to an attribution for these coins, we shall be very grateful to you for communicating it. With assurances of regard, I beg to subscribe myself

Very sincerely yours,

SN:JC

Secretary

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